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'Bigger than ever': The multicultural carnival will take place on September 4

## CARNIVAL SURPRISE

Line-up to be kept secret until last minute for 15th showcase

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KINGSTON Carnival organisers are promising a bigger than ever street party this year to celebrate the event's 15th anniversary.

However organisers Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC) are keeping quiet about the full surprise line-up until a week before the event.

The carnival is still not allowed a headline act after the 2014 show was cancelled at the last minute over safety concerns when authorities feared thousands would flood the town to see Special's frontman Neville Staple perform.

But on September 4 the borough's largest multicultural street parade will be back to host bands, dancers and street food stalls from around the world and the Kingston Guardian can reveal



that Welsh folk band Calan will take time out from their American tour to perform.

The five-piece have received rave reviews from critics for their live performances since the release of debut album *Bling* in 2008.

Calan will be one of three bands on the main Market Place stage.

The second stage will see performances from the likes of classical jazz band the Tony Heiberg

Quintet and Brazilian samba reggae legends Tribo Band.

Banquet Records is helping organise the full lineup, which is expected to be announced on August 22.

KREC chief executive John Azah said: "We started in 2000 but since we had a cancellation this is technically our 15th anniversary."

"We are ambitious and want this to be the biggest carnival ever. But it will also be the safest. We are working with the council and police to ensure there will be no disruption."

"This year we are trying to work with people outside of the town centre to bring everyone into carnival."

"It is very exciting to have Calan as we wanted them last year but they could not fit us into their touring schedule."

Last year carnival featured political hip hop poet Akala and socially-conscious folk star Beans

on Toast performing under the banner of "music with a message".

This year the street parade will draw inspiration from the Rio Olympics and the theme is 'enabling communities and celebrating diversity'.

Mr Azah has also announced there will be a focus on green issues.

He said: "We want to educate people about these importance of being green in a really fun environment. We are working with the Kingston Environment Centre who will set up in memorial gardens. My ambition in five years time is to have a third stage. But we are taking in year by year, each one better than the next."

Kingston Carnival is still looking for volunteer stewards who will receive expenses and full training.

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**BOMB VICTIMS:** Kingston peace activists commemorated the 71st anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The ceremony was held at Canbury Gardens on August 6 and was attended by Kingston's deputy mayor Rowena Bass. The 146,000 victims were honoured with candles, white flower petals and a minute's silence.

**CHIEF STARTS:** Kingston Council's new chief executive started last Wednesday, three months after her appointment was first announced. Charlie Adan, who previously held the chief roles at Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, replaced Bruce McDonald who received a £267,000 payout after resigning in December. In her previous role Ms Adan oversaw the merging of the workforces of Babergh and Mid Suffolk into one shared service.

**VOLUNTEER PLEA:** Organisers of Kingston Carnival have appealed for volunteers to help steward the popular festival. The carnival, which takes place on Sunday, September 4, will see dancers and revellers dressed in eccentric attire lead a procession from Kingston Guildhall through the town centre. Send e-mail to [carnival2016@kingstonrec.org](mailto:carnival2016@kingstonrec.org).

'You wait ages to be asked your opinion, then 14 consultations come at once' – Lib Dems

# Public to have say on development brief that covers north of borough

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PROPOSALS to redesign a large part of north Kingston are yet again being put to residents.

This is the third time a consultation into the north Kingston development brief has been launched.

Residents were first asked about what type of houses and open spaces they would like to see in the north of Kingston town centre in 2012 and then again in 2014.

Kingston Council says the new plans have "simplified text and further explain the context and the drivers for change" and the plan is also in line with "current planning policy".

The consultation states councilors want to deliver homes in a central location, reinforce the identity of Richmond Road, provide new pedestrian and cycle routes and tackle

noise and air pollution in the area.

It also comes at a time when Kingston town centre is about to see dramatic change in the shape of its first residential high-rises.

In February the development control committee approved a 16-storey development on the site of the old post office and three months later it was announced Eden Walk would be knocked down to make way for 400 new homes, 18,000 sq m of retail space, leisure facilities and offices.

A council spokesman said: "Development of the north Kingston area has generated a good debate so far, and this consultation is a chance to create the context for the next phases of this key part of the town."

The consultation is one of 14 running over the summer, a move criticised by Kingston Lib Dems who say many people are on holiday.

Other consultations include the plans for Cocks Crescent in New Malden and the Cambridge Road

"decant policy", which will see estate residents moved out for building work that will double the number of homes.

There are also four consultations into Kingston's multi-million-pound cycling schemes.

Lib Dem councillor Hilary Gander said: "Four Go Cycle schemes have been consulted on at the height of summer. Holidays are not best for maximum public involvement."

Kingston Lib Dem leader Liz Green added: "With Kingston Conservatives, public consultations are like buses – you wait ages to be asked your opinion, then 14 come along at once. I do hope Kingston residents take the time to respond."

Council leader Kevin Davis said the summer consultations were not a problem as people were not on holiday "the entire time".

The consultation runs to September 5. Visit [kingston.gov.uk/consultations](http://kingston.gov.uk/consultations).



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Tips: Neil Coulson-Bence; Geoff Start; PGA pro Ben Tebbs; David Duncan and Nick Bradley

## Ryder Cup coach pays visit to golf club

A RYDER Cup-winning coach and former Surbiton resident visited a New Malden golf club to teach members the perfect putt.

Nick Bradley, 45, was part of the European Ryder Cup winning team in 2014 at Gleneagles in Scotland, working with famous golfers such as Olympic Gold Medallist Justin Rose and superstar Rory McIlroy.

He visited Malden Golf Club

on August 11 and gave a talk to members before taking to the putting green.

Mr Bradley, who grew up in Ditton Road, in Surbiton, said: "In order to coach people I read every book, watch every video. That was just the avenue I took. It was great to be back in New Malden, the members were enthusiastic and asking great questions."

Ben Tebbs, a professional at

the club, said: "It went fantastic and was very well-received. It's something that we haven't done before."

"Afterwards he took a few of our members onto the putting green and fixed some of their problems, and it was an instant success."

"It's a real coup for us. I just spoke to Nick and he just agreed to come, it couldn't have gone any better."

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## Sellers hit by slump

HOUSE sellers in Kingston are feeling the post Brexit market slump more than any other borough, according to figures released by a specialist property website.

More than a third of properties listed for sale in the borough have been reduced in price since the United Kingdom voted to leave the EU in June.

Such has been the impact, that in less than two months the average price of a Kingston home has been dropped by £54,676, according to property website Zoopla.

The proportion of London sellers who have reduced their asking prices is up from just 4.29 per cent before the referendum to 30.66 per cent afterwards.

In Kingston the figure rises to 35.4 per cent of homes that have been reduced.

Lawrence Hall, from Zoopla, said: "The total number of properties on the market with a reduction has risen since April, but discounts are way off their peak and not as high as one might have predicted given the EU Referendum outcome."

"However, where there are bargains to be had, this could present a good opportunity for those first time buyers lucky enough to have saved the required deposit."

Man of 52 gives up sedentary lifestyle for week-long marathons in sands of Sahara Desert

# Breakfast runner braves 'toughest foot race on Earth' to shed weight

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AN extreme marathon runner has told how at almost 50 years old he lost more than 6st and completed the toughest foot race on earth across the Sahara Desert – and it all started with the Kingston Breakfast Run.

In 2006 when Michiel Hoefsmit, 52, moved to Kingston from the Netherlands he was an overweight communications worker.

It was a 2008 article in the KLM in-flight magazine about the Marathon des Sables, the week-long, 251km race across the Sahara Desert, that convinced him to start running.

At his heaviest Mr Hoefsmit weighed 19st but he has now completed several ultra marathons and triathlons as well as the Marathon des Sables twice.

The former BT worker said: "My job involved a lot of travel and I was constantly on planes, sitting down and



Transformation: The Kingston Breakfast Run was Michiel Hoefsmit's first foray into running

eating. When I saw the article about the Sahara marathon I was really intrigued and thought that would be something I would like to do.

"I started running in 2008 and signed up for the Kingston Breakfast Run the next

year."

Mr Hoefsmit worked near Blackfriars Station and took advantage of Kingston's slow commuter trains to get in his running practice.

He said: "On the way to work I would run to New

Malden, hop on a train then get off at Vauxhall maybe and start running again. I would do that on the way back too and by the end of the day I would have built up 20km quite easily.

"At weekends I train in

Richmond Park. But I can only do a couple of laps before I have seen all the deer and hills and I'm a bit bored."

In 2011 Mr Hoefsmit signed up for the world's toughest foot race and, two years later at 48 years old, he completed the gruelling marathon in six days.

The father-of-three said: "I'm still alive so from that point of view I think it went well. You still have to carry all your equipment and cover 35km a day.

"My family were very supportive. I guess they thought it was a bit mad. Not a lot of people know about the desert so they were a bit worried but they got used to it."

About 1,000 people finished the Sahara marathon that year and, when he got home, Mr Hoefsmit immediately signed up for the next one. In 2015 he again completed the desert ultra-marathon. He is now planning his next extreme race in Iceland.

Mr Hoefsmit is taking part in the Kingston TEDx talks on November 5. Visit [tedx-kingstonuponthames.com](http://tedx-kingstonuponthames.com).

## In the running for 2020 paralympic



Souleyman Bah, 17, has Retinitis Pigmentosa, a degenerative condition

A VISUALLY impaired Surbiton runner hopes the Olympics will inspire more blind young people to share his 2020 Paralympics dream.

Souleyman Bah, 17, has retinitis pigmentosa, a degenerative condition which has left him with a very limited degree of sight.

But the talented teen can run the 100m in 11.8 seconds and is the world record holder for category

T13 athletes in his age group.

Mr Bah is one of 60 athletes who has won a Backing The Best award and will receive up to £5,000 per year to help cover expensive training costs until the 2020 Paralympics.

His trainers did not think his body had developed enough for this year's games in Rio but are confident he will be a star in four years' time.

He said: "My story shows that sight loss shouldn't get in the way of pursuing competitive sport. I'd definitely encourage young vision impaired people to try out clubs and activities, no matter how sporty they are. I've trained really hard for the last few years and it's fantastic to think that I might have more opportunities to compete at an international level."

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Man sent vile request to 13-year-old and had a collection of sick images

# Paedophile who asked girl to drink own urine is jailed

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A SOFTWARE engineer who begged a 13-year-old girl to drink her own urine during online sex chats and owned "foul" videos, including one of a woman having sex with a horse, has been jailed.

Ian Cant, 28, also had hundreds of pornographic images of children at his Kingston flat when police raided it in July 2015, some of which showed children as young as two being sexually abused by men.

He admitted 16 counts of possessing indecent images of children, intending to incite or engage a child in sexual activity and owning extreme porn in court last month.

Cant, now of Kettelbey Rose, Basingstoke, was jailed for two years at Kingston Crown Court on Friday, August 12 and ordered to sign the sex offenders register for 10 years.

The court heard he recently got engaged, and had run the Great South Run for children's charity the NSPCC.

Prosecution barrister Hamish Reid said Cant had started chatting to a 13-year-old girl online and asked her: "What is your age? You home alone? Now do you want to take part in some sick experiments?"

He added: "He asked her to strip and spread [her legs] and show herself."

"He invited her to drink her own pee and spank and restrain herself."

The software engineer's defence barrister Martin Ingle said Cant had not told his employer about the charges against him.

He also said his client's upbringing had contributed to him engaging underage girls in online sex chats.

Cant's mother was "incapable of looking after Cant and herself" and an "alcoholic who died in a house fire", he added.

During sentencing Judge Peter Lodder QC called the



'Foul': Ian Cant outside Kingston Crown Court

nature of the images "particularly foul".

He said: "In one of the images a three to five-year-old girl is bound at her wrists and ankles."

"She has a plastic bag over her head and sex toys around her. It doesn't bear thinking about the distress that girl must have been going

through.

"If there was not a market for it children of this age would be far less likely to go through this revolting abuse."

He said while he took Mr Cant's troubled background into account he disagreed a suspended sentence would be appropriate.



Towed: The car was uninsured Pic Credit: Kingston Police

## Gold-plated learner's car is seized by police

MOST people's first car tends to be a second-hand clapped out Corsa or Nissan Micra that is only a few hundred miles from being scrapped.

But one learner driver must be lamenting the loss of their first car after the gold-plated Maserati with L-plates was seized by Kingston police.

The £100,000 Maserati GranCabrio was confiscated by officers in north Kingston on Tuesday morning. Police stated the reason was the driver had no insurance.

The soft-top supercar, which can go from 0 to 60mph in just five seconds, is thought to be the same one slapped with a parking ticket in April after being parked illegally in Edgware Road, Westminster.

A similar car with L-plates was spotted in Marylebone on May 30.

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## Inquests held 'out of hours'

THE coroner probing the deaths of Kingston residents has been accused of conducting inquests during the evenings instead of in public in daytime.

Lawyers representing councils including Richmond, Kingston and Hounslow told a High Court judge that Chinyere Inyama, senior coroner for West London, staged 80 hearings between April and December last year at times ranging from 6.15pm to 11.52pm, well outside office hours.

Coroners' Rules 2013 state inquests must be opened in public and a coroner can only exclude someone if they consider it necessary in the interests of justice or national security.

At a High Court hearing on August 4 barrister Deok Joo Rhee, acting for the councils, said: "There are serious concerns that the senior coroner has acted in persistent breach of the duty of coroners to hold inquests in public."

This raised a "real question of misconduct", she added.

However Mr Justice Soole refused to order the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office (JCIO) to investigate and said the councils would have to find another way to hold an inquiry.

The judge said bereaved families would have good grounds for applying for a judicial review if hearings had been held outside of normal hours.

West London Coroner's Court, of Bagleys Lane, Fulham, came under fire in 2015 for a backlog of cases which left some bereaved families waiting up to 18 months for an inquest to be opened.

After Mr Inyama took over in 2014 he said he was "deeply embarrassed" by the length of time it had taken for some cases to get to court.

He spoke of a 75 per cent turnover in staff since he took over.





Horsing around: The bracken

## Park purge on bracken

RICHMOND Park conservation workers have been tackling the spread of invasive bracken in recent weeks.

The ferns are particularly prevalent in the summer months as they unfurl to create waist-high forests, though they normally die back again by autumn.

Bracken is abundant in Richmond Park.

Park management have used shire horses to drag rollers to break up the stalks, as well as spraying them with herbicide.

An invasive species, its roots spread quickly underground and can out compete nearby plants and grasses.

Bracken thrives on acidic grassland, with a third of the park's acidic grasslands covered by the fern.

Shocking CCTV footage released by police of arrest after violent incident

# Knifeman tasered by police after stabbing in the street

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SHOCKING footage has been released of a man being tasered by police officers after he stabbed another man in the chest outside a bank in Surbiton.

Binh Nguyen, 39, was jailed for 20 months for chasing a 25-year-old man down Victoria Road and stabbing him in the chest just before midnight on Thursday, March 17.

The CCTV footage shows Nguyen, in a red jacket and hat, being approached by police outside HSBC as he holds a long knife in his right hand.

Nguyen is then tasered after he begins to wave the knife towards the officers.

Police had first been called after reports of a "serious incident" and were only told on the way that a man had been stabbed.

Officers then used CCTV to try and locate Nguyen and within seconds discovered



Taser strike: Nguyen is seen before and after being electrocuted by officers

Kingston police

him standing next to two people who were seemingly oblivious to the prior attack.

Upon arrival, Nguyen was surrounded by officers, who immediately told him to put down the knife while pointing their tasers at him.

One of the officers then tried to taser Nguyen when he failed to put down the knife, but the connection on

his weapon failed, a police spokesman said.

A second officer is then shown in the footage to fire his taser, causing Nguyen to fall to the floor before being detained by the officers.

Nguyen, of no fixed address, was arrested at the scene, taken to Kingston police station and charged with causing grievous

bodily harm and possession of a bladed article.

He was jailed for 20 months after pleading guilty to both charges at Kingston Crown Court on Friday, August 5.

PC Paolo Resteghini, of Kingston CID, said: "I would like to praise the bravery of the victim."

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## Air quality hazards at four parks

FOUR Kingston parks and open spaces have dangerous air pollution levels, according to a new report.

Kingston Vale Common, the Hampton Wick War Memorial, the Old Malden pond and the green space at Worcester Park station were all found to breach the European legal limit.

The report was commissioned by data collection company ASI, which measured whether the parks exceeded 40 micrograms of nitrogen dioxide per cubic metre of air.

ASI Data science fellow Pablo Mosteiro, who produced the research, said: "Huge numbers of Londoners are unknowingly going for walks, playing with their children and having their lunchtime sandwich in spaces with appalling air quality."

Nearly a quarter of London's open parks were found to break the limit, with the most polluted green space being Whittington Garden near St Paul's Cathedral.

The most polluted of Kingston's spaces was at Worcester Park station, where the nitrogen dioxide level was 42.7.

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Ninefold rise in toxic litter is reported in this year's Ride London event

# Cyclists' discarded energy gel packs 'kill deer in park'

REPORTER

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LITTER dropped by Ride London cyclists could be potentially fatal to deer, a Richmond Park conservation charity has warned.

Cyclists dropped 182 energy gel packs and accompanying opening strips in a 600m monitored stretch of the course in Richmond Park during the race, it is claimed.

The Friends of Richmond Park said this number would be "substantially higher" had the entire 6.1km course been checked.

The group said the number of gel packs littered represents a 90 per cent increase on last year's Ride London, during which it said 96 gel packs and strips were left.

Ride London admitted a "communication issue" with litter patrols meant the teams' work was not up to standard.

More than 20,000 cyclists turned out for the 100-mile Ride London event on Sunday, July 31, which went through East Sheen and Richmond Park, before moving on to Bushy Park via Kingston Bridge.

The Friends of Richmond Park said discarded gel packs can harm deer if



**Mess: Park wildlife officer John Bartram with the stomach contents of dead deer**

they eat them and can stop them ingesting other food.

The group conducted a survey a day after the race on the 600m stretch of the park's roads.

Friends of Richmond Park trustee Richard Gray said: "Deer eat anything and it gets caught up in their guts."

"They swallow the plastic and if they eat enough it can stop them digesting

other food.

"We're not anti-cyclist, but we wonder why they have to throw the packets on the floor. Why can't they tuck them into their Lycra?"

"They blow on to the grass, which make them hard to see for litter-pickers."

"We just don't want them to get into the deer and preventing them from eating."

Hugh Brasher, event director of Ride London, said next year's race will have a dedicated litter clean-up team which will do one sweep of the course after the amateur challenge ride, and one after the professional cyclists have passed through.

He also said cameras in secret locations throughout the park would be brought in to catch and ban riders who ignore the race's anti-littering message.

Mr Brasher said: "We have done an enormous amount of messaging through our #LoveWhereYouRide campaign, which calls on riders to take home any rubbish with them from training rides and to use the waste facilities provided throughout the Prudential Ride London event."

"We have suggested a meeting and dialogue with the Friends of Richmond Park."

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## Boat firm boss makes plea for relatives to reveal themselves



Plea: Darren Parr, left, and how the new bench layout could look

# The memorial benches that have to be moved

REPORTER

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A KINGSTON businessman has pleaded with relatives of people whose names appear on memorial benches on the Queen's Promenade to come forward.

Darren Parr, whose boat hire company Parr Boats runs from the promenade overlooking the Thames, is one of the residents to have come forward to move a family memorial bench during renovation work.

The bench, dedicated to his grandfather Frank, will move to nearby moorings.

In total, 36 benches and 39 plaques have to be moved due to Kingston Council's plans to redevelop the site as part of the mini-Holland cycling project.

So far, about half of the families have been tracked down.

Mr Parr said: "Initially it was located on a spot closer to the roadside where he used to park up in his mini."

"After he retired he would still come down here in his car and watch the world go by. We've now been able to relocate it and give him a great river view, which is what he would've wanted."

Mr Parr's daughter Wendy Strike said: "I really hope that other families who have seats

on the promenade will come forward and claim them.

"Like ours, they all have stories attached to them."

Kingston Council is currently working with families who have come forward to help relocate the remaining benches on the promenade.

Councillor Terry Paton, cabinet member for Go Cycle, the council's name for mini-Holland, said: "Since our initial appeal we've tracked down more than half of the bench owners but we're again calling out to the community to help us find the remaining loved ones we can talk to them about ideas for the plaques."

## Dealer had drugs in his pants

A DRUG dealer has been jailed for more than two years after he was stopped in a Surbiton street with 40 packs of crack cocaine and heroin in his underpants.

Norbert Miassouekama, 31, was stopped by police officers in Berrylands Road on Wednesday, June 22.

When officers searched him, they found 22 packages of "high purity" crack cocaine and 18 packages of heroin in his underwear, a Kingston police spokesman said.

Miassouekama, of High Road, in Leyton, was sentenced to 28 months in prison at Kingston Crown Court on Friday, July 29 after admitting one count of drug dealing at Wimbledon



Norbert Miassouekama

Magistrates' Court on June 24.

The arrest was made as part of Operation Vulcan, a six month drug dealing crackdown targeting "drug supply lines" coming from outside the borough.

## College gets 'good' rating

KINGSTON College has been given a "good" rating by Ofsted and praised for ensuring high numbers of students passed exams.

The inspectors were impressed with the high proportion of Level 3 students progressing to higher education, praising the college on how well it prepares its students for future progression.

It was also praised for its "positive" and "inclusive" culture and promoting British values.

The college missed out on receiving an "outstanding" grade after inspectors picked up on an insufficiently high proportion of students achieving a Grade C or above in GCSE maths and English and pupils' low attendance levels.

Principal Peter Mayhew-Smith said: "Our staff work so hard and our students put in so much effort so it's wonderful to have an inspection result that recognises this."

Kingston MP James Berry said: "Kingston College is going from strength to strength academically as well as through its sector-leading collaboration with Carshalton College."

The college was also rated "good" in February 2013, although it was criticised for students' poor punctuality.

## Police reassure residents

DRUG dealing, litter and graffiti are just some of the crimes plaguing a street in Tolworth.

Kingston police have written to residents of Tolworth Close in a bid to reassure them and encourage them to report crimes after an increase in reports of antisocial behaviour.

Ward councillors Chris Hayes, Ian George and Richard Hudson have been liaising with police and said they have been meeting with residents who have reported

"late-night noise, suspected drug dealing, litter, urination and graffiti" in the street.

According to the councillors, a group of drug dealers were recently chased away by a police officer and a man was also issued with a written warning in an unrelated incident.

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### This is why the Southern Rail strike is happening and causing misery for commuters

How will disabled people travel if there is no guard to help them? Or people with young children who need to travel by train with heavy shopping?

**KRISSI**

Seems to be a case of the RMT cynics leading the blind into job losses. Very sad that the half-wit RMT members fail to learn from recent history that technological progress cannot be stopped. They need to adapt to inevitable changes.

**MAXADOLF**

The sooner legislation is passed to ban stupid strikes such as this, the better.

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### Craft traders' support lost

PERHAPS it could be noted that during the Market House hearing it was stated that 559 residents were consulted in writing but only six valid representations had been received. Perhaps some of the other 553 could identify themselves.

The council's environmental protection officer and the licensing officer from Kingston police who visited the Whitechapel branch of the Stable were clearly against the application in its present form, and voiced grave concerns over the original application.

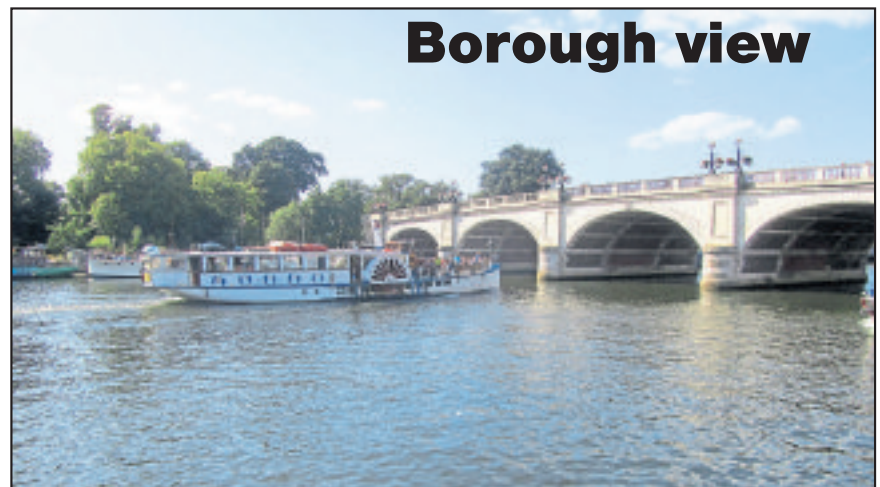
What a pity that the 17,000 online and petition protesters did not write to the council voicing their opinions.

The council has been determined to sell out the Market House to the highest bidder and I also believe that the present Market House traders pay a far higher rent than has been quoted.

The high profile events put on in Market Place over the past few years will not now have the support of the craft traders, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, helping the council and Kingston first manage these events.

The Market House/Stable will now be written into the history books as, to quote part of a cartoon in the Surrey Comet, conservationists will fight to keep the last of Kingston's old pizza restaurants.

**MARY STARK**  
New Malden



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### What does barrier do?

LIKE Ian Sewter (Your Say, August 4) I was also caught on camera at Oakcroft junction and duly fined an excessive amount for my small transgression.

As a local resident I should have known better, but I have yet to understand what crime I have actually committed.

My question is this: What purpose is this barrier actually meant to serve?

When it was first installed some years ago I believed it was

to deter lorries and other large vehicles from using residential roads. Having previously lived in Hunters Road I know only too well how many thundered past instead of using Jubilee Way to access the industrial estate.

Clive Chase, councillor for Chessington North, is quoted as saying 'a lot of cars used to go through there and we had a lot of complaints'. Complaints from whom and why? Cars are not the problem surely?

What exactly is the offence here? It makes absolutely no sense at all.

If someone could give me a rational explanation as to what difference it makes whether I drive my car through an awkward narrow lane or a

comfortable wider one I might accept the logic, but as things stand I can only view this as a cynical money-making exercise by Kingston Council for no good reason whatsoever.

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## Future generation are in mind

IN the letter "Carnage on trees along the Queens Promenade" (Your Say, August 11) Nick Booth asks about redevelopment along the river front and questions if "someone will think of the children".

The development of the Go Cycle scheme has the future generation very much in mind. In fact, with the population of the borough expected to grow by 30 per cent by 2050, we will have

an additional 50,000 people who will need to move around the borough.

Sustainable travel is key to accommodating that growth and the creation of high quality cycle networks is one way we can improve travel for future generations.

Portsmouth Road is the first Go Cycle path to be built with construction on the first phase now complete.

Construction of the second phase, which extends the cycle lane from Palace Road to South Lane, is now under way.

An arboricultural survey was carried out before construction to assess the condition and value of trees along the Promenade and some trees were removed.

Following completion of the landscaping works along the Queens Promenade a number

of new semi-mature trees will be planted to replace those that needed to be removed.

The tree planting will complement the landscaping and planting proposals that are aimed at enhancing the riverside setting while continuing to provide some screening from the traffic on Portsmouth Road.

**CLLR TERRY PATON**  
Kingston Council

## Haven't all parents been drunk and in charge of a child?

Editor Andrew Parkes has a number of thoughts every week, here are just five of them

### 5 THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK...

1. In a court story this week a particular scumbag was jailed for, amongst other things, being drunk in charge of a child. Now, I'm not condoning the various poor behaviours of this individual but surely the majority of parents have been drunk in charge of children for large chunks of the weekend, not to mention holidays. Well, this guy got three weeks in jail for it, so perhaps we all need cut down on the BBQ bevies.

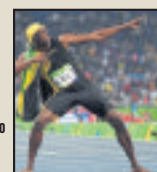
2. Before they came along I really couldn't get excited about the Rio Games – it just wasn't happening. But, like many things, low expectations can lead to greater enjoyment.

And, let's face it who wouldn't be excited at being second in medal table? Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought we could be ahead of the Chinese at the half way point. Well done all you GB boys and girls.

3. On the subject of the Olympics, what a strange business this cupping is? It reminded me of that age-old practice of giving schoolmates a "lovebite" on the neck. Looking back now you realise what an appalling practice it was and if it's been resigned to the history books then that's a

good thing. Or maybe it's just that I no longer look at teenager's necks. You tell me, does it still go on?

4. Heard a wolf whistle this week for the first time in ages and carried out some of my own research. I've come to the conclusion it's an age thing. All the older women I quizzed said they would like to be wolf whistled at and would be secretly flattered. Speaking to younger women I received a very forthright, and opposite, opinion. Far from welcoming it, they feel it is a form of abuse



and an invasion of their personal space. I'd be interested in your view – if you're prepared to tell me your age too!

5. And finally, great sports coverage from the BBC but I'm now heartily fed up of the sickening, fawning way the presenters act towards each other. Every link or handover is like a love-in with reporters caressing each other's egos.

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Suitable for children aged 3-6, this production is an interactive adventure full of sing-along, clap-along songs plus bubbles, acrobatics and, of course, a sprinkle of magic dust that will enthrall the young ones throughout the school holidays.



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# What's on

Phil Daniels, Larry Lamb, David Calder, Stephen Moyer and Clive Russell star in the Hatton Garden Job, directed by Ronnie Thompson.



Director Ronnie Thompson talks to JIM PALMER about his new film, The Hatton Garden Job...

Shooting is well under way on the first big screen adaptation of Britain's biggest ever burglary and the director has told us he wants to evoke the same kind of wry smile in his audience as he got when he read about the audacious heist.

It was only Easter last year a high security Hatton Garden vault was drilled into and £14million of gold and jewels were taken.

What amazed everyone was that when caught the men responsible turned out not to be young men or international criminal masterminds but a bunch of blokes in their sixties and seventies – albeit career criminals – led by Dartford pensioner Brian Reader.

And then more facts emerged such as Reader travelling to the

raid on the 96 bus with a stolen bus pass, another raider being found with a copy of Forensics for Dummies and a look-out falling asleep on duty.

Director Ronnie Thompson also co-wrote the script for The Hatton Garden Job with Ray Bogdanovich and Dean Lines.

He said: "I just loved reading about this story and hearing about it. Then I was approached to write the script and direct it and I jumped at the chance."

Clearly there are many ways you can tell a crime story like this. Between them, the men had quite gruesome criminal records and spent much of their lives in prison, but Thompson is taking the same approach as those who dubbed them Bad Grandpas, Dad's Army and the Diamond Wheelers.

He said: "Mine is not a kitchen sink drama, mine is OAP's 11."

"We're telling the story of the [heist] and how these old guys come into it and how they did it but in my version of the story I have used the stuff that has been revealed and I'm telling the story in a more... uplifting is probably the closest word to it."

"I'm telling it in the way that we had the smile about it when we read the story."

"I want you to smile, I want you to laugh, I want you to watch it again. That is my intention."

The strong British cast that has been assembled will go a long way in establishing that tone.

Ex-EastEnders and Gavin and Stacey actor Larry Lamb leads the ensemble as Brian Reader, while the cast also includes Stephen Moyer from

the US smash True Blood, Quadrophonia's Phil Daniels, Downton Abbey's Matthew Goode, film icon Joely Richardson and respected TV faces David Calder and Clive Russell.

Producer Ben Jacques told us: "In my wildest dreams, I couldn't have had a cast as fantastic as this with such a tiny little budget."

Thompson said: "I'm delighted. Matthew Goode is an international star, Joely Richardson is a movie star that has been around for a lot of years in some of the movies I loved as a kid. It's an enormous cast."

"They are proper actors that are at the top of their game. It makes it easier from my point of view. They just nail their performances, they are true professionals. You don't have to wing it out of them."

For Thompson, it was important that his gang of raiders gelled and he is thankful that has happened.

He said: "From the start we did script read-throughs and spent a lot of time together so that could happen. I was certainly hoping it would happen."

"In between takes when my cast could be resting, they sit on set, they carry on having that banter, they sit with me. That camaraderie is there. It was important and again it feels like I have got that team with me."

While Thompson has done extensive research into the heist and many aspects of it lend themselves to the kind of film he is trying to make, he said it is important to realise his version will be fictionalised.

He said: "I'll say from the

outset: I'm making a movie, I'm not making a documentary. My movie is there to entertain."

"I think the story from the start, I was one along with the majority of the public, who had a bit of a dry smile when they read this. Nobody got hurt and it was kind of this remarkable story about these predominantly pensioners."

Producer Ben Jacques said: "We have added elements to it to make the story exciting."

"We have based it on theories and some of the public domain knowledge about the story. Matthew Goode's [Downton Abbey] character currently doesn't have a name, and there's a reason for that."

**The Hatton Garden Job is expected to be released later in the year.**



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# TAKING PRIDE

Croydon is set to host a Pride parade and festival during the Bank Holiday weekend - only the second in greater London after the main Pride in London event.

A procession led by dozens of community organisations will head from North End down to Surrey Street at lunchtime on the Sunday, August 28, leading to the main festival in Surrey Street itself.

Celebrating Croydon and its LGBT+ community, PrideFest will be opened by the Mayor of Croydon, councillor Wayne Trakas-Lawlor, and feature live music, cabaret and DJs.

Acts include the Rainbow Singers, Radio 4 cabaret act Topping and Butch and DJ Stewart Who?

As well as the stage entertainment, food and drink includes the Surrey Street Market and beers from the people behind the Crafty Purley and Croydon Craft Beer Festivals.

Go to [croydonpridefest.co.uk](http://croydonpridefest.co.uk)



# FESTIVAL SO TASTY

Balham is set to become a foodie haven again this autumn with a week-long food festival.

Restaurants, bars, cafes and other businesses are all pulling together for a series of tastebud-tickling events during Balham Food Festival from September 25 to October 2.

The Balham Banquet in Hildreth Street and Bedford Hill Place will get the week started from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, September 25, with street food and delicacies being served up from around 50 stallholders as well as live music and family entertainment such as gingerbread making classes.

Throughout the seven day festival, events include in-store tastings, cookery demonstrations, festival menus and restaurant discounts.

Escape the Daily Grind, Whirly Wines, Thali and Pickles, Deelight Bakery, Cattlegrid, Pho Café, As Nature Intended and The Devonshire are among the venues taking part.

Go to [balhamfoodfestival.com](http://balhamfoodfestival.com)



The countryside is coming to south-west London in the form of the Saw and Sand Festival at Chiswick House and Gardens from September 9 to 11. Here are six reasons why you won't want to miss it...

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**2) WOODEN CHAINSAW CARVINGS:** Championship international chainsaw carvers will show off their creativity,

each transforming a giant reclaimed tree over the course of the weekend as well as speed sculpting on the central stage. Their unique artworks will be auctioned at the end of the festival. There is also the chance to talk to the carvers and learn about their techniques.

**3) TIMBERSPORTS ATHLETES:** Never seen before in London, lumberjack artists will put their strength and skill to the test in competitive axe chopping of logs, pole climbing and twin-saw versus chainsaw displays.

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**6) FOOD:** Pop-up craft food and drink in the Gardens' cherry orchard includes sunset barbecues, retro ice cream, a smoke-house barbecue and oysters.

**Tickets cost £15 and £9. Go to [sawandsand.co.uk](http://sawandsand.co.uk).**



# GREAT ESCAPE

Battersea has a new interactive attraction capitalising on the global phenomenon for escape games.

Hostage Hideout, which has launched at The Grove pub, sees teams of between two and five players solving puzzles in a 60-minute race against the clock to get out of a locked room.

The escape game originated in Japan and its popularity has seen it spread across the world. Friends Mabel Chaces and Meesh Gemmell were both inspired by their own experiences playing them to set up their own, under their Do Stuff brand.

Gemmell said: "The beauty of escape games are their possibilities. Each one is unique and each team will have a different experience playing dependant on their personalities - it is a great thing to experience."

Games cost between £80 and £100 per team and the games is suitable for ages 12 and above. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit [dostuffescapegames.com](http://dostuffescapegames.com)



# FILM REVIEW DAVID BRENT: LIFE ON THE ROAD (15), OUT FRIDAY



Everyone who has worked in an office has encountered a David Brent, but it the man's unfulfilled life outside work that drives Ricky Gervais' belated big screen follow-up to his and Stephen Merchant's early-2000s comedy series The Office.

It's a movie that will have you laughing out loud almost as much as watching through your fingers.

More than a decade after The Office, Brent is a sales rep at a firm called Lavichem where most of his colleagues hate him.

Blowing a hole in his savings and taking unpaid leave, he hires a backing band for a make or break tour in pursuit of his dreams of rock stardom - seven gigs in three weeks in the Berkshire area, but mandatory tour bus and hotels nevertheless.

The 'tour' is a frequently hilarious catastrophe of empty ven-

ues, a band that dislikes him and his inadvertently offensive songs.

Gervais has always liked to play with what is unacceptable and Life on the Road pushes the envelope.

There are long, agonising scenes where Brent's verbal diarrhoea and lyrics are almost too much, walking that 'it's ironic, not offensive' line and just about keeping the viewer on side, despairing at this man's ham-fisted attempts to be liked.

His band offer a series of sceptical talking heads echoing our embarrassment and giving context to his awkward moments.

Taking Brent out of his office makes him more ridiculous than ever and there's a hint of Alan Partridge, his similarly deluded kindred spirit, in this film.

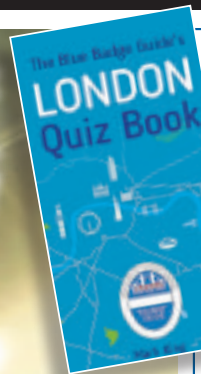
What The Office had that Life on the Road lacks is scope beyond Brent. There's no infuri-

ating Gareth or Tim/Dawn will-they-won't-they. Dom Brown's rapper Dom, who inadvertently becomes Brent's sidekick, is the only other character in the film who leaves a mark.

Sometimes, Gervais' work has felt misanthropic but Life on the Road is redeemed in a final act when Brent's attention-seeking clown mask finally slips.

While The Office made us feel like we all know a Brent, Life on the Road shows there is a little bit of Brent in most of us - anyone that is not quite where they hoped they would be in life, anyone with unfulfilled dreams - and that is why the movie ultimately connects.

Ricky Gervais' David Brent movie delivers everything his fans and those of The Office would have hoped for: it's funny, painful to watch and, thanks largely to its final act, sympathetic.



# QUESTION TIME

To celebrate the release of The Blue Badge Guide's London Quiz Book, we're sharing some of the questions to see how much you know...

Once a royal hunting estate, London's largest park was opened to the public thanks to an Act of Parliament in 1872. Which is it?

Settlers from which country are the link between the following objects and people: the districts of Clapham and Cricklewood, navigation canals, Eliza Doolittle in Pygmalion (also My Fair Lady), Guinness Extra Stout?

Which large London prison has a public restaurant run by prisoners?

Which great diarist recorded life in London during the Great Plague of 1665 and the Great Fire of 1666?

Which artist painted the interior dome of St Paul's Cathedral and the Painted Hall of the Greenwich Hospital?

Why are there 32 passenger capsules on the London Eye?

True or false? Teddington means 'tide turn town'?

To what is the Buddhist temple dedicated that stands

on the riverside in Battersea Park?

What wild animals are found in large herds in Bushy Park and Richmond Park?

In which London UNESCO World Heritage Site will you find giant Amazon waterlilies?

Which is the only London borough to straddle the Thames?

At which venue was Michael Jackson booked for a fifty night residency in 2009?

In which royal palace will you see working Tudor kitchens dating from the early sixteenth century, as well as the world's largest grape vine?

Which transport system spans the Thames between North Greenwich and the Royal Docks?

What type of animal was Mah-Jongg, a pet who lived at Eltham Palace in the 1930s?

The Blue Badge Guide's London Quiz Book by Mark King is out now, published by The History Press. Go to [thehistorypress.co.uk](http://thehistorypress.co.uk).

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# Sport

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## O'Sullivan's silver standard

KINGSTON AC & Polytechnic Harrier Mollie O'Sullivan was in medal-winning form at the South of England Championships in Ashford on Saturday.

The 16-year-old clocked two min-

utes 14.69 seconds to claim silver in the U17 girls' 800m – two seconds behind champion Basingstoke & Mid Hants AC's Rebecca Bullock.

Kingston's Mica Powell, right, was sixth in the U17 girls' 400m.



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## Emil blow is downer for boss

Corinthian Casuals might have started their Ryman Division South campaign with three points from a win over Whyteleafe on Saturday, but it came at a price.

Two goals inside the first 20 minutes - from James Cottee, pictured, and a John Mensah own goal - gave boss James Bracken's side a 2-1 triumph.

But Emil Salama, who had been slated to appear regularly over the next 10 games, was carried off in the second half leaving Bracken hoping his squad has the strength in depth to cover a lengthy absence.

"Emil's injury isn't good. He's a terrific player and he'd have had a big part



to play going forward," he said.

"He was going to feature heavily and it looks like that plan has been scuppered.

"However, it opens the door for someone else to get more game time.

"I'm gutted for Emil - I've known the boy since he was about four years old and you never want to see lads get hurt in that way."

**RIO OLYMPICS:** Sbihi back in the saddle after nervous battle to claim title

## No rest for GB gold rush

REPORTER  
**STUART AMOS**

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TEAM GB rower Moe Sbihi celebrated winning Olympic men's four gold by setting foot back in the gym the morning after his finest hour.

The British quartet of Alex Gregory, Surbiton's Sbihi, George Nash and Constantine Louloudis won the men's coxless four title on Friday at the Lagoa stadium in Rio.

The Brits were the only crew to break six minutes in the final, leading from start to finish in five minutes 58.61 seconds to beat world silver medallists Australia into second.

The result brought a fifth consecutive gold for Team GB in the men's four, but never mind cutting loose the quar-

ter were back on the exercise bikes on Saturday making sure they could be called on to plug a gap on the final day of the Olympic regatta.

"Life as Olympic champions! Get up early and support your teammates by being reserves #livingthedream," he tweeted with a picture of the team in training.

Fellow Molesey Boat Club man Nash admitted it took an Olympic effort just to get on the start line, having been crippled by nerves ahead of the gold medal triumph.

"This morning, oh my word. I experienced the nerves that only really occur once every four years and just felt horrible," he added.

"I felt weak. I didn't want to be there. I didn't want to do it. I had to shake myself into it saying this is what I'm here for."



Golden day: Surbiton's Molesey Boat Club rower Moe Sbihi, right, and clubmate George Nash celebrate winning the men's coxless fours race in Rio on Friday

Pic: Peter Spurrier/Intersport Images

## Relief for Ks' Moss

Ryan Moss was relieved to re-open his Kingstonian goalscoring account on Monday and he has told fans not to panic over the side's slow start to the new Ryman Premier Division campaign, writes Stuart Amos.

Moss, right, struck the equaliser in a 1-1 home draw with Hendon on Monday to secure the club's first point of the season after Saturday's last-gasp opening day 1-0 defeat at newly promoted Harlow Town.

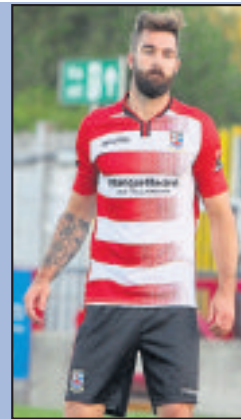
"Sometimes you have to write the first game of the season off as a cup final - anything can happen," said the former Margate striker, who returned to Kingsmeadow this summer after two seasons on the Kent coast.

"It is hard to judge where that result will stand come the end of the season.

"We hit the bar a couple of times, had one effort cleared off the line and Rob Tolfrey had to make a couple of decent saves.

"0-0 would have been a fair result, but it wasn't meant to be."

He added: "Any striker will tell you it is nice to get off the mark and to do it in my second game was a relief - espe-



cially as it meant something.

"Getting it right can take time because you never quite know what your best team is until you have tried a few systems and played a few games.

"You have to try different players in different positions to see what works best.

"Monday wasn't the result we wanted, but we are a young squad, with quality and we will get better."

Kingstonian, who will face either VCD Athletic or Croydon in the FA Cup first qualifying round next month, host Needham Market on Saturday.

Visit [kingstonguardian.co.uk/sport](http://kingstonguardian.co.uk/sport) for the full interview with Ryan Moss.

## SPORTSbrief

**ATHLETICS:** Kingston AC & Polytechnic Harriers host their final Southern Athletics League Division Two West meeting of the summer on Saturday, knowing they have an outside chance of securing promotion to the top flight. Kingston are currently fourth in the table, but are only four points behind second placed Bracknell, who would need to have a calamitous final day to open the door for Saturday's hosts.

**CRICKET:** Kingstonian can claim the Surrey Championship Division Four title this weekend after Saturday's four wicket win at Farncombe put them 46 points clear of second placed Sanderstead with three games to play. Ks chased down Farncombe's 156 all out with leading run scorer Jahangir Mirza hitting 43. Skipper Amir Hussain's men host Byfleet on Saturday.

**SAILING:** Surbiton's Nicola Groves and Team GB sailing partner Ben Saxton were eighth over all going into Tuesday's Nacra 17 medal race at the Olympics and had not ruled out their slim chances of claiming a medal.

**FOOTBALL:** Former Kingstonian defender Adam Thompson has signed for Whyteleafe. Thompson had been on trial at Kingsmeadow this summer.

**PARKRUN:** Kingston AC & Polytechnic Harrier Matt Atkins set a new personal best of 16 minutes 28 to win in Bushy Park on Saturday.

**FOOTBALL:** Corinthian Casuals go to Crawley Down Gatwick in the FA Cup preliminary round on Saturday.



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